

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim 29 has been rejected as anticipated by Fischer, US 6,616,184. Claims 1-11, 20, 21, 25, 28, and 30-33 have been allowed. Claim 30 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claims 22-24 and 26-27 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 12-19 have been withdrawn from consideration. However, since claims 12-19 depend from allowed claims 1 and 2, it is respectfully requested that claims 12-19 be reinstated and allowed.


Claim 29 has been amended to further recite subject matter of allowable claim 30. Amended claim 29 recites a second actuatable fastener for releasing a vent member and allowing inflation fluid to flow away from the inflatable vehicle occupant protection device. Claim 30 has been amended for consistency with claim 29. Claim 29, as well as claim 30 which depends from claim 29, are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested.

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